

REMARKS

Claims 37-42 are pending, with claims 37 and 40 being independent. Claims 37-38 and 40-41 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Vu for the telephone interview that was conducted on Jan. 22, 2007. During the interview, Examiner Vu agreed that the proposed amendments would overcome the current rejections and place the claims in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 37-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,119 issued to Havekost, et al. (hereinafter "Havekost").

Havokost does not disclose each and every element of amended claims 37 and 40. For example, Havokost does not disclose "generating a first data field of the alert management message that identifies at least one target recipient from among the plurality of recipients" or "generating a second data field of the alert management message that identifies the type of alert management message" as recited in amended claim 37. The

cited portions of Havokost simply do not disclose generating any data fields of the alert management message.

In order to expedite prosecution and distinguish over Havokost even further, claims 37 and 40 have been amended to add an additional feature of "generating a third data field of the alert management message that uniquely identifies the alert management message" (emphases added). As discussed above, Havokost does not disclose generating data fields of any kind, much less a third data field that uniquely identifies the alert management message. Thus, amended claims 37 and 40 are patentably distinguishable from Havokost and are in condition for allowance as indicated by Examiner Vu.

Claims 38-39 and 41-42 depend from claims 37 or 40 and are also in condition for allowance at least for the reasons provided above.

Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent


to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicants ask that all claims be allowed. Please apply applicable charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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